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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION                     (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT                             (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN                                    (Y/N)  
OTHER                                         

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Finance & Tax Committee  
2 Representative Cortes, B. offered the following:

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4        **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5        Remove lines 43-91 and insert:

6        (d) "Procurement request" means an invitation to bid,  
7 invitation to negotiate, or request for proposal issued by a  
8 municipality pursuant to its procurement policies.

9        (e) "Property fine" means an amount other than an abatement  
10 fine which is billed to a property owner due to the property  
11 being out of compliance with city ordinance or code, regardless  
12 of whether a lien was attached to the property related to such  
13 fine.

14        (f) "Utility charge" means an amount billed to a customer,  
15 other than a government entity as defined in s. 768.295, by a  
16 municipally owned utility for providing utility service.

17        (g) "Designated revenues" means abatement fines,

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18 administrative fines, property fines, and utility charges.

19 (2) After October 1, 2015 any municipality which meets at  
20 least one of the criteria in paragraphs (a)-(c) shall issue a  
21 procurement request within 30 days of first meeting at least one  
22 such criterion.

23 (a) The sum of the municipality's designated revenues which  
24 are more than 90 days delinquent is at least \$10,000,000;

25 (b) The sum of the municipality's designated revenues which  
26 are more than 180 days delinquent is at least \$5,000,000; or

27 (c) The sum of the municipality's designated revenues which  
28 are more than 270 days delinquent is at least \$1,000,000.

29 (3) If a municipality's delinquent designated revenues are  
30 less than 20 percent of the total designated revenues billed by  
31 the municipality in the previous 12 months, the requirements of  
32 subsections (2) and (5) shall not apply.

33 (4) A procurement request issued pursuant to subsection  
34 (2) or (5) must seek bids from collection agencies registered  
35 pursuant to s. 559.553. The procurement request must specify  
36 that the municipality is seeking an up-front payment of cash to  
37 the municipality in addition to any portion of the bid based on  
38 contingency fees, in exchange for the right to collect all of  
39 the municipality's delinquent designated revenues as of the date  
40 the procurement request is issued. The procurement request must  
41 specify that bids based solely on contingency fees with no up-  
42 front payment of cash shall not be accepted.

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43 (5) If a municipality meets at least one of the criteria in  
44 paragraphs (a)-(c) of subsection (2) one year after it issues a  
45 procurement request pursuant to subsection (2) or this  
46 subsection, it shall be required to issue an additional  
47 procurement request meeting the requirements of subsection (4).

48 (6) A municipality which issues a procurement request  
49 pursuant to this section is not required to enter into a  
50 contract for services with any collection company which responds  
51 to the procurement request.

52 (7) If a municipality enters into a contract for services  
53 with a collection agency that submitted a bid meeting the  
54 requirements of a procurement request issued pursuant to this  
55 section, any delinquent designated revenues that the collection  
56 agency agrees to collect shall be excluded thereafter when the  
57 municipality calculates whether it meets any of the criteria in  
58 paragraphs (a)-(c) of subsection (2).

59 (8) After all bids have been received in response to a  
60 municipality's procurement request issued pursuant to this  
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63 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

64 Remove lines 5-11 and insert:  
65 delinquent specified revenue sources must issue a procurement  
66 request seeking collection agencies; providing requirements for  
67 the content of the procurement request; providing that certain  
68 delinquent revenues shall be excluded from the threshold

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69 calculations in some circumstances; providing that  
70 municipalities issuing such procurement requests are not

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